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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated September 13, 2006, wherein the Examiner

has required an election of claims, Applicants hereby elects to prosecute in the present

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application the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1-18, 20, and 21 The election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Applicants have complied with the sole requirement in the Official Action and now respectfully requests an action on the merits of at least the elected claims.

Respectfully, submitted,

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